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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

This is in response to the Official Action in this case mailed June 12, 2008. Applicants are filing this Amendment within the three month shortened statutory period or before September 12, 2008. Hence, Applicants believe no extension of time fee is required. However, Applicants conditionally petition for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked. As provided below, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any required fee, or for any deficiency in the enclosed fee.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and request reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following:

- Remarks, beginning on Page 2 of this paper.